



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK  
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET  
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662**

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – Jan. 19, 2011**

Call to Order 7:30 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of Jan. 19, 2011 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2011 and has remained continuously posted as the required notice under the Statute and is being taped. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:      Comm. R. Davidson  
                  Comm. K. J. Kovalcik  
                  Comm. P. Strohmeyer  
                  Comm. F. Valenzuela  
                  Mayor J. Scarpa

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bertha Sneyer

Mayor Scarpa asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military stationed overseas.

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Reports:

Health Department   - December 2010  
Municipal Court       - December 2010  
Building Department - December 2010

Resolutions:

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Davidson seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and reads:  
Resolution #2011 – 36

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – December 2011

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, that the following bills be turned over to the Treasurer, and if found to be correct, be paid provided there is sufficient funds in the various accounts. (see attached)

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 37

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #408-11 to River Dell Junior Football Association – Texas Hold’Em

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Raffle License #408-11 as presented by the RIVER DELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Resolution #2011 – 37 (cont.)

ID#423-5-37253 requesting permission to conduct TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT on APRIL 9, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 38

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle Lic. #409-11 – Midland School #1 PTA – Texas Hold'em Night

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Raffle License #409-11 as presented by the MIDLAND SCHOOL NO. 1 PTA ID#427-37-37358 requesting permission to conduct TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT on MARCH 19, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 39

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #410-11 – Midland School PTA – Off Premise 50/50 Raffle

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Raffle License #410-11 as presented by the MIDLAND SCHOOL NO. 1 PTA ID#427-37-37358 requesting permission to conduct OFF PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE on MAY 11, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 40

A Resolution – Authorizing Hiring of Personnel – Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to Chief Financial Officer – Carol Piazza

Whereas, as a result of a recent retirement, the need now exists for the hiring of a replacement for the position of Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer; and

Whereas, interviews were conducted for this position and the result of those interviews has been that the Acting Township Administrator and Members of the Township Committee have recommended a replacement for this position; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds exist for this purpose

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Carol Piazza, 210 Christie Street, New Jersey 07660 be and is hereby hired to the position of Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. The above referenced individual will be hired as of January 26, 2011 and the adoption of this resolution and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee.
3. The above referenced individual shall serve a period of probation which shall be six (6) months from the date of her hiring during which she shall be reviewed and evaluated for performance in order to determine her status at the end of that probationary term.
4. The salary for this position shall be \$39,000.00 per year.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to Chief Financial

Resolution #2011 - 40

Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Personnel Department and Carol Piazza 210 Christie Street, New Jersey 07660.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 41

A Resolution – Authorizing Hiring of Part Time Clerical Assistant Building Department – Bertha Sneyer

Whereas, the Building Department has requested that the Township Committee hire a part time employee in order to assist in that department;

Whereas, the Township Committee has reviewed that request and has agreed to hire such an employee; and

Whereas, BERTHA SNEYER, 53 Oldis Street, Rochelle Park 07662, has applied for that position and possesses the skills necessary in order to perform in that position.

Whereas, this employment shall be temporary in nature.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. BERTHA SNEYER, be and is hereby hired as a part time employee to work in the Building Department.
2. BERTHA SNEYER shall be paid at the rate of \$14.00 per hour without benefits.
3. This position shall commence January 19, 2011.

Be it further resolved, that this hiring is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Be it further resolved, that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park, and to BERTHA SNEYER, 53 Oldis Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 42

A Resolution – Approving Transfers within the 2010 Budget Appropriations

Whereas, there are certain appropriations which unexpended balances and certain accounts on which commitments to be entered into which possibly exceed the amount of the original 2011 appropriations; and

Whereas, under Title 40A:4-58 Revised Statutes of New Jersey permission is given to transfer from one budget account into another during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Finance Officer, Roy Riggiano of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

<u>Inside CAP</u>			
20-1301	FROM:	Police Cars	\$ 7,000.00
23-2202	FROM:	Health Insurance	6,700.00
26-2901	FROM:	Solid Waste Collection	31,170.00
44-4022	FROM:	Social Security Taxes	38,000.00
43-5060	FROM:	Sewerage Processing O/E	<u>43,000.00</u>
		Total	\$125,870.00

<u>Outside CAP</u>			
23-2102	TO:	General Insurance O/E	\$ 78,800.00
25-2552	TO:	Aid to Volunteer Fire O/E	2,500.00
25-2652	TO:	Fire Prevention O/E	6,500.00
26-3152	TO:	Vehicle Maintenance	6,000.00

Resolution #2011 – 42 (cont.)

31-4302	TO:	Utilities Electric	2,500.00
31-4352	TO:	Utilities St. Lights	120.00
31-4402	TO:	Utilities Telephone	300.00
31-4452	TO:	Utilities Water	1,500.00
31-4462	TO:	Utilities Gas	500.00
31-4602	TO:	Utilities Gasoline	27,000.00
43-4952	TO:	Public Defender	<u>150.00</u>
		Total	\$125,870.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 - 47

A Resolution – Authorizing Entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizing contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

Whereas, the Borough of Westwood, hereafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

Whereas, on January 19, 2011 the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System (#107-PVCPS) for the provision and performance of goods and services;

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows, this resolution shall be known and cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Rochelle Park. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

Be it further resolved that the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 48

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – January 12, 2011

Whereas, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) certain issues may be discussed by the Township Committee in a session which excludes the public; and

Whereas, the aforementioned law requires that the minutes of said closed sessions be released as soon as practicable after the meeting and so long as the release of the minutes will not be adverse to the interests of the public and/or the Township; and

Whereas, pursuant to statute, the purpose of this Resolution is to disclose the information which was discussed in closed session on January 13, 2011 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township or the public interest.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the attached closed session minutes may be released to the public in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey State Law; and

Be it further resolved, that any minutes which have not been released pursuant to this Resolution shall be reviewed periodically by the Township Attorney and further recommendation shall be made for the release of additional minutes as the release of same is deemed to be proper.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – January 13, 2011

A motion was made for the Township Committee to go into closed or executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and negotiations. The following represents the minutes of that closed session to the extent that those minutes may be released at this time:

1. DPW Superintendent – The Township Committee discussed personnel issues within the Department of Public Works and consideration was given to the hiring of a new Superintendent.
2. Negotiations – Committee Member, Davidson, provided a summary of the status of negotiations with three collective bargaining units, representing the Department of Public Works, the superior officers in the Police Department and the patrolman. Tentative agreements have been reached and the Township Committee authorized the preparation of a Resolution agreeing to a Memorandum of Understanding which will ultimately result in the preparation of formal Collective Bargaining Agreements.
3. Litigation - The Township Attorney provided an update regarding all pending litigation involving the municipality and also reported on the recent decision in connection with the Northern Park Zoning litigation.
4. DPW Garage - It was determined that action must be taken in connection with the actions of the contractor on the DPW Garage. The Township Attorney was authorized to take any and all action which may be necessary in order to protect the interests of the municipality.
5. Rental Property - 151 West Passaic Street - The Acting Township Administrator provided a summary of the rental history and rental payments by the tenant on the second floor of the municipal building.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Comm. Davidson provided a brief synopsis regarding the following three resolutions regarding the DPW and the Police Department contracts. He explained the hours of discussions held between himself, Comm. Kovalcik and then Committeeman Scarpa and the respective departments. Davidson thanked the departments for their hard work and concessions made. He further explained that the DPW made a change in their stand by pay, while the police made changes in their scheduling. Davidson also thanked the four man DPW staff, under the supervision of lead laborer Jim Schmunk, for the clearing of the roads during a recent ice/snow storm.

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and reads:

Resolution #2011 – 43

A Resolution – Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement With Teamsters Local No. 97 – DPW

Whereas, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and Teamsters Local 97 which represents employees in the Department of Public Works expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010; and

Whereas, Committee Member Robert Davidson has been engaged in negotiations with Teamsters Local 97 for a successor agreement and has reported the status of these negotiations to the Township Committee; and

Resolution #2011 – 43 (cont.)

Whereas, Committeeman Davidson has recommended a proposal to the Township Committee and, with the further recommendation of the Township Administrator, the Township Committee has agreed to accept this recommendation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, a collective bargaining agreement which shall confirm the Township's proposal for the settlement of a successor collective bargaining agreement with Teamster's Local 97.
2. The successor agreement shall be for a term of two years commencing on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
3. The Agreement shall provide for no increase in base salary for any member during the two year term of this successor agreement but shall provide for the option, upon mutual agreement, of reviewing this aspect of the agreement for the second year of the Contract term.
4. The Agreement shall further provide for a modification of the "standby time" provision of the Contract to provide for a payment of \$125.00 per week.

Now therefore be it further resolved that, except as set forth herein, the successor collective bargaining agreement shall, in all respects, be identical to the previous agreement; and

Be it further resolved that the within resolution is subject to receipt, review and further approval and final approval of the actual contract form by Committeeman Davidson, the Township Committee and the Township Administrator;

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Township Attorney and Teamsters Local No. 97.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting "Aye".

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer and reads:

Resolution #2011 – 44

A Resolution – Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Township of Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association

Whereas, a Collective Bargaining Agreement exists between the Township of Rochelle Park and Township of Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association; and

Whereas, the term of that agreement expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010; and

Whereas, Committee member Robert Davidson, together with the Township Chief Financial Officer and Auditor recently engaged in a series of meetings with representatives of the Township of Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association in connection with negotiation of a successor agreement; and

Whereas, with the consent and approval of the Township Committee an offer was made by the Township Committee to settle a successor agreement; and

Whereas, the proposal for settlement was made and presented to Township of Rochelle Park and was, thereafter, accepted by that unit; and

Whereas, as a result of the forgoing, the Township Committee is desirous of formalizing the agreement, authorizing the settlement and also authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a successor agreement.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

Resolution #2022 – 44 (cont.)

1. A successor collective bargaining agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township of Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association be and is hereby authorized.
2. The terms, conditions and obligations of said successor agreement shall be identical to those which existed in the prior agreement, however, with the changes which are generally described in the attached summary of changes which has been previously approved by the Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association. .
3. This approval is subject, however, to receipt and review of a formal collective bargaining agreement from Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association and a review and approval of same as to final terms and language by Committeeman Davidson, the Township Attorney and the Acting Township Administrator.
4. The attached summary is intended to provide a general outline of the terms agreed upon between the parties subject to formal agreements; and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, the formal collective bargaining agreements upon receipt and review of same and upon final approval by Committee member Davidson and the Township Attorney; and

Be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Township Attorney and Township of Rochelle Park Superior Officer's Association.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Strohmeier to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela and reads:

Resolution #2011 – 45

A Resolution – Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 102

Whereas, a Collective Bargaining Agreement exists between the Township of Rochelle Park and Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 102; and

Whereas, the term of that agreement expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010; and

Whereas, Committee member Robert Davidson, together with the Township Chief Financial Officer and Auditor recently engaged in a series of meetings with representatives of PBA Local 102 in connection with negotiation of a successor agreement; and

Whereas, with the consent and approval of the Township Committee an offer was made by the Township Committee to settle a successor agreement; and

Whereas, the proposal for settlement was made and presented to PBA Local 102 and was, thereafter, accepted by that unit; and

Whereas, as a result of the forgoing, the Township Committee is desirous of formalizing the agreement, authorizing the settlement and also authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a successor agreement.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A successor collective bargaining agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and Police Benevolent Association Local 102 be and is hereby authorized.
2. The terms, conditions and obligations of said successor agreement shall be identical to those which existed in the prior agreement, however, with the changes which are generally described in the attached summary of changes which has been previously approved by the PBA.

Resolution #2011 – 45 (cont.)

3. This approval is subject, however, to receipt and review of a formal collective bargaining agreement from PBA Local 102 and a review and approval of same as to final terms and language by Committeeman Davidson, the Township Attorney and the Acting Township Administrator.
4. The attached summary is intended to provide a general outline of the terms agreed upon between the parties subject to formal agreements; and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, the formal collective bargaining agreements upon receipt and review of same and upon final approval by Committee member Davidson and the Township Attorney; and

Be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Township Attorney and Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 102.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and reads:

Resolution #2011 – 46

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption - Ord. #1027-10 – An Ordinance to Exceed the 2011 Municipal Budget and Establish a CAP Bank

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**” be and it is hereby passed upon second and final reading and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Mayor Scarpa to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

No Comments from the public

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Committee's/Administrator's/Attorney's Reports

Comm. Strohmeyer – announced to the public that this would be her last meeting as she has resigned her seat on the Township Committee. She has a new job and will have to work longer hours. She feels she is leaving the Township in good hands with the current the Township Committee. Strohmeyer stated that she is grateful to have served the residents of Rochelle Park for the past 20 years. She thanked the residents and Township Committee for their support and confidence.

Library December Report - Circulated - 1148 items, Loaned – 269, Borrowed - 854, New Cards Issued - 3, Computer Usage - 261. 64% of Rochelle Park residents have library cards.

Comm. Kovalcik thanked Comm. Strohmeyer for all her years of service. He has enjoyed working with her and appreciated her guidance. He wished her good luck.

Comm. Valenzuela – Advised that Fire Department Capt. Peter Donatello III was influential in obtaining a grant from the 200 Club in the amount of \$3,500 for the purchase of defibrillators. The Township Committee will thank Mr. Donatello at a future meeting. Valenzuela gave an update regarding his attempt at obtaining a piece of steel from the twin towers to erect a memorial in Rochelle Park. His committee is in place, and is awaiting a response from the Port Authority personnel. Possibly this monument will be placed at the American Legion Post Home. Valenzuela advised that Comm. Strohmeyer had been Mayor six times and thanked her for being his running mate. He wished her well in the future. She will always be an asset to Rochelle Park.

Comm. Davidson – DPW December Report – 217 man hours snow plowing, 24 man hours cleaning Midland School parking lot, 16 man hours clearing the town hall and 16 man hours clearing storm drains. Davidson stated again what a fabulous job the DPW did clearing the streets. He appreciates their hard work and efforts and is pleased to be their liaison. He reported that the Police Department had been busy. They have a tough job and they work hard. Davidson advised that Comm. Strohmeyer was a tough negotiator as he had sat on the opposite side of the table in past negotiations with her in his position as police Captain. He valued her experience and wished her the best of luck.

Mayor Scarpa – Thanked Comm. Strohmeyer for her many years of leadership, he always respected her input. He stated that Comm. Strohmeyer had been an asset to the Township Committee since 1992, and thanked her for her six terms as mayor. Her absence will create a void on the Committee. He wished her best of luck with her new job and future endeavors.

Attorney Rotolo wished Comm. Strohmeyer good luck and thanked her for her support.

Administrator De Maria wished Comm. Strohmeyer the best in the future.

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Mayor Scarpa to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

No comments from the public

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Strohmeyer and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk



